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PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 051481-5053

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
PETER HUENIKEN, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/639,083) Group Art Unit: 2839
Filed: 16 August 2000) Examiner: C. Prasad
For: MULTIPLE AXIS CONNECTION)
SYSTEM)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.11 responding to the Office Action dated August 1, 2001.
2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - Request for Approval of Drawing Change
 - Drawings: Formal Informal (Correction)
 - Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form PTO-1449, _____ reference(s) included
 - Citations
 - Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

[X] Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

[] Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for <u>Extension</u>	[Fee for Small Entity]
[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 390.00	\$195.00
[] three months	\$ 890.00	\$445.00
[] four months	\$1,390.00	\$695.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

[] An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

[X] **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)



CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	14	minus	20	0	x \$18 each=	+\$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	3	minus	3	0	x \$80 each=	+\$ 0.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)				\$270.00		+\$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$ 0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$ 0.00

6. Fee Payment

No fee is to be paid at this time.

Check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension of time fee or additional fee for claims due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

The non-final Office Action mailed August 1, 2001 (Paper no. 6), the period for reply to which extends until November 1, 2001, has been reviewed, and respectfully submitted in response thereto are the following remarks. Claims 1 - 14 are currently pending in the application, and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner.

The drawings were objected to as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the objections, and respectfully assert that figures 1 and 2 show examples of a pair of first projections each including one of a cavity feature and a protrusion feature, and figures 3 and 4 show examples of a pair of grooves each including one of the cavity feature and the protrusion feature, as recited in independent claim 1. Specifically, as shown in the figures, projections 12 with ends 124 are examples of first projections including protrusion features, and grooves 32 with apertures 36 are examples of grooves including the cavity features. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

The specification was objected to as not conforming to the invention as set forth in the claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the objections, and respectfully assert that the originally